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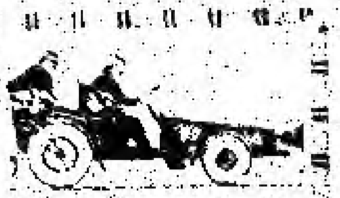
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Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Economic Goods . . . In elementary economics once I was taught that labour, just as everything else, is commodity to be bought and sold in accordance with laws of supply and demand. Labour flows from point to point within one country and between countries, just as wheat or crap iron flows from point to point.

Since the turn of the century, labour has flowed into Canada from Japan and elsewhere in response to a demand for it. Labour then was regarded as an economic good, labor force an absolute necessity for the development of the country whose abundance we now enjoy.

But it must have been a surprise to the people of British Columbia to find after a short time, that labour was not merely an economic good to be used and discarded. Labour, to everyone's disgust, proved to be human beings first, an economic good second. British Columbia did not want labour to be human. Alderman Wilson still denies the right of labour to be human.

He has given notice that he will introduce a protest in City Council next Monday, urging the Department of Fisheries to cancel licences issued to Japanese Canadian fishermen because he doubts their loyalty, and because he believes that they spend all their money in Japan, where they live in luxury according to Japanese standards.

In this brief column there is no room to refute Mr. Wilson's charge, as it could be refuted very easily. Rather, a message to Japanese Canadians is more important. We have striven to convince Mr. Wilson that we have a right to be human; but there seems to be little use in appealing to a Personification of Inhumanity to understand the quality of being human.

What then, can we do? The answer is clear. We have to recognize that we are on the stand before a people who are suspicious of our right to be human; and because of that we are constantly under suspicion in everything we do. We cannot afford to be just ordinary citizens. We have to be extra-ordinarily good citizens. We have to try to remove every possible human failing among ourselves, and at the same time to uphold every human virtue.

Thus we even smile indulgently upon Alderman Wilson when he urges that Japanese starlings be eradicated. They, too, were imported for a purpose—as an economic good to be used to combat insect pests. Now B. C. finds that the Japanese starling is a living bird first, with all the propensities of bird life—and an economic good second.

At least for once we must admit that Alderman Wilson is consistent. "After all, this is a British country," he said once, and we can't have

JCCL Institutes Nisei Thrift Plan

Mutual Benefit Savings Club Mooted

Undertaking a new venture among the second generation in an effort to tackle the problem of economic insecurity and to build up capital reserves for investment, the National Executive of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League, at its meeting last Friday night, approved the draft constitution submitted by national treasurer E. Kitagawa for organizing an experimental "Mutual Benefit Savings Club."

Under the plan, a number of Nisei of economic standing in the community will be approached to join in the savings system, whereby each member pays into the club funds a regular monthly installment of a stated amount.

No withdrawals will be permitted until funds of the club have been built up, at which time they will be held in first class securities. After the first period however, in order to assist members financially, the club may make short term loans to members. Dependent upon the amount of the loan, security may or may not be required. It is hoped that from this beginning co-operative and united effort may be spread among the Nisei as a practical means of meeting economic problems.

Educational Mission

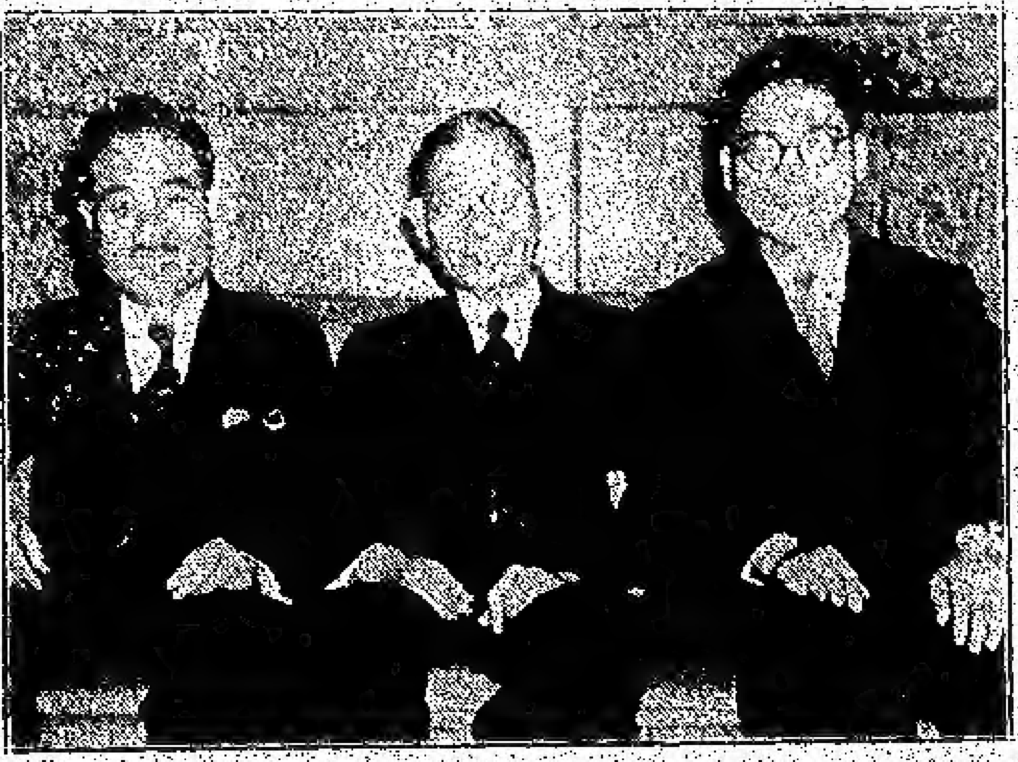

Photo by Jo Seko.

Snapped relaxing for a few minutes at the Fuji prior to a banquet held in their honour by the Kagoshima Society were Kaju Nakamura, former member of the Imperial Diet, who is on a lecture tour in the United States and Canada concerning his Oriental Summer College, and his companion, Noboru Iwakiri, head of the Tokyo Bureau of the Kagoshima Shimbun, and Kiyoshi Kotani, B.S.A., well-known agricultural expert.

Seated from left to right in the picture are Mr. Iwakiri, Mr. Nakamura and Mr. Kotani.

Former M.P. Invites Niseis To Attend Summer Culture School in Japan

The need for men and women who have received a sound western education and at the same time who are well acquainted with Japan and things Japanese to act as go-betweens between Japan and western nations was stressed by Kaju Nakamura, former member of the Imperial Diet, in his address to the Vancouver JCCL at the Nippon Club last Monday evening.

As a part of his own plan to foster goodwill and understanding between Japan and America, Mr. Nakamura started his Oriental Culture Summer College in Japan about ten years ago using his own personal funds, inviting Americans and Canadians to study Japan and Japanese culture at first hand, thus clearing up any misunderstanding and prejudice.

COURSES POPULAR

Thanks to the low tuition fees and favourable exchange rates, more and more people have been encouraged to take the summer course which lasts for four weeks, two weeks in Tokyo and two weeks at famous summer resorts.

From 170 people ten years ago, the number has increased to over 1000—an indisputable proof of the fine work being carried on by the institution.

Mr. Nakamura has been trying to encourage more and more Niseis to attend for it is his firm belief that they are the ones who can become the most capable apostles of goodwill for Japan in America and in Europe.

Mr. Nakamura who is being accompanied by Kyoichi Kotani, B.S.A., noted agricultural expert and Noboru Iwakiri, head of the Tokyo Bureau of the Kagoshima Shimbun, addressed large gatherings at Steveston, New Westminster and Vancouver and after the JCCL meeting left for Victoria. During his stay in Vancouver he was entertained by the Kagoshima Society.

On The Newsfront

Memorial Service for Japanese Commissioner

A final tribute will be paid to a great Japanese Christian Thursday, when Salvation Army Divisional Commander Brigadier M. Junker conducts a memorial service for the late Commissioner Gunpei Yamamura, in the Citadel. The service will start at 8 p.m.

Hon. K. Nakauchi, Mr. E. Kagetsu and Rev. K. Nomoto will also take part in the service.

Large Graduating Class at University

Some eight Nisei students who graduate this year from the University of British Columbia will be honoured when the University Students Club holds its eighth annual graduation banquet, at the Fuji, April 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

Invitations to attend have been extended to Dr. L. S. Klinck, president of the University, to the Deans of the four University Faculties and to Japanese Consul Kenji Nakauchi.

Japanese starlings making nests in our hair!

Exaggeration . . . Mr. Kaju Nakamura, of the Oriental Culture School, visiting here attributes the inefficacy of Japanese propaganda to the Japanese habit of demeaning themselves; the effectiveness of Chinese propaganda to the Chinese habit of exaggeration.

As to the causes of this habit of exaggeration, he contends that one is "the practice of keeping hundreds of concubines. In order to keep these women under control (quoting Mr. Nakamura) they have had to use many forms of pretense and exaggeration."

Nisei Gardeners Begin Research Meetings

Beginning their studies of improved and advanced methods of gardening, the Nisei Division of the Canadian Japanese Gardeners' Union will hold their first research meeting at the Kitsilano Japanese School, April 26, it was announced this.

British Ambassador Postpones U.S. Visit

TOKYO.—Indicative of new diplomatic moves in the Far East, Sir Robert Craigie temporarily postponed his departure to the U.S. for a holiday. It is generally believed, however, that he would make the trip shortly.

At the same time it was announced that the U.S. High Commissioner to the Phillipines would arrive in Tokyo this week for a conference with United States Ambassador Grew. Considerable importance has been attached to the visit, since it is understood that shortly after the conference, Ambassador Grew would return to the U.S. on furlough.

Nisei Aerialist Hurt

SEATTLE.—Alice Maramoto, 18-year-old American-born Japanese circus performer, was seriously injured here when she fell from the top of a 20-foot pole, which was being whirled on the ground by her partner in their act at the Polack Brothers Circus.

The girl suffered serious head injuries and a **fractured collar bone.** Her fall was believed due to the fact that she had had a heavy meal before going into her act, and that she had fainted at the top of the pole.

Youth Council Faces Busy Year

Activities Outlined in 7-Point Programme

At the first meeting of the Greater Vancouver Youth Council last Saturday, some seventy delegates from twenty organizations representing 20,000 city youths, elected chairmen for several standing committees to carry out the seven-point program as advocated by the recent B. C. Youth Congress.

These committees will deal with (1) Campaign against conscription; (2) Campaign for civil liberties; (3) Economic research and a school of political science; (4) Health campaign—medical building at U. B. C.; (5) Co-ordination group on community centres; (6) The boosting of tourist trade; (7) Fine arts.

Committees are to convene as often as possible under their respective chairmen who will report the progress made by the group at the Council meetings.

In addition, chairmen were elected to look after the smooth running of the functional committees on the social, radio, public relations and finance of the Council.

Nisei organizations at present represented on the Council include the Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens League, the Gakuyukai and the Powell YPS. Other Nisei organizations, especially those represented at the last Youth Congress, are urged to send delegates to the next meeting.

According to Gordon McLean of the radio committee, organizations represented at the Council may have announcements about any of their forthcoming activities broadcast over the Youth Council weekly programme if they so desire.

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Savings Plan

In taking steps to organize a savings club among the second generation, the Japanese Canadian Citizens League has advanced a plan which gives much promise of assisting the Nisei in their economic difficulties.

The object of the plan as given in its constitution are to encourage thrift and systematic savings among the members of the savings club—practical objects which are easily within the reach of every Nisei just starting out in life.

We are all familiar with the fact of our relatively high standard of living here in Canada, when compared with the standard in many other countries of the globe. Because of the apparent abundance of material goods, the necessity of thrift or systematic savings is rarely impressed upon the young people until too late in life. But the provision of a well-organized plan, which requires no undue self-denial, ought to appeal to the common-sense and the desire for independence on the part of young people.

Not only that, but the building up of capital funds for use in our own community will be accelerated through plans such as these. It has been one of our chief weaknesses that as an immigrant group we lacked the capital resources to match and to utilize our energies. In part this may have been due to the practice of remitting sums of money to Japan, to assist families and relatives; but in recent years the volume of such immigrant remittances has been steadily diminishing.

The attempt now to encourage thrift and savings among the second generation and at the same time to accumulate much needed capital resources is a progressive sign—a sign that the Nisei have come of age.

The Nisei Superior Secretary

(A prize-winning essay by Dorothy Murayama, Nisei secretary of Los Angeles, California, winner of the Nisei Business Bureau Essay Contest.)

A Nisei is a superior secretary because she has to be.

She realizes that if she is to find a position in this highly competitive field, she must train herself to be outstanding in every way.

With hundreds of other experienced and efficient secretaries looking for employment, she knows that she must be near-perfect—not just good. Therefore, she strives constantly to better herself so that she can offer her employer trained technical skill, intelligence and a pleasing personality.

There are many Nisei girls who possess such qualifications and who are capable of filling responsible positions. At school they have ranked highly in their classes, especially in those basic secretarial courses of shorthand, bookkeeping, and typewriting. Their active participation in school activities has shown them to be socially adaptable.

From their parents, the Nisei have inherited traits of dependability, loyalty and patience, together with their skill in work that requires attention to details. These traits, we all know, are essential for the superior secretary.

For many Nisei, however, it is hard to get an opening in which to get started. Like other job seekers, they face problems of lack of experience, insufficient number of jobs and an over-supply of workers eager for employment.

In addition they have the problem of racial prejudice confronting them. From experience gained, the past few weeks in searching for a position, I realized that such a situation exists.

With high hopes I visited several American employment agencies only to be given about a two-minute interview, with the usual answer, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing today." In some places I did not even get to register my name or fill out an application blank.

However, in such an unfortunate situation there is an indirect benefit. Because of this problem facing them the Nisei strive to surmount it by constantly training themselves to increase their accuracy and efficiency.

With the success of the few Nisei who have obtained high positions in the field of Civil Service serving as an inspiration, they have set a goal before them. Surely there should be some reward for the great efforts they expend.

Reminiscences...

By "Vigilant"

[illegible] HOTSPRINGS

We were in kimonos [illegible] [illegible] Kimonos. We, being two Nisei fresh from the American continent and feeling very foreign and out amongst an [illegible] of [illegible] sons and daughters of Nippon. Although far from being adept in either language or manner of this country—this land of our ancestors, we weren't to be discouraged, for this was our holiday and ... with a "come-what-come-may" attitude we had plunged into the heart of this "hotspring adventure."

In the largest and best-equipped temple shaped bathhouse, we had our first taste of hotspring water. The place was beautiful, this bathhouse with rocks and boulders right inside the water around which we swam. We thrilled at the touch of this healing water, this sulphur spring, which, we were told, had come from the rushing waters of Katsuragawa nearby.

There must have been numerous tales, beautiful and tragic, circling around this spot but we had no time to think of them now, for we had stepped out into the crisp January air, feeling quite conspicuous in our robes and "geta," wooden sandals of the inn, which made peculiar clonking sounds.

We turned to visit the village shrine to pay our respects to "Ujigami-sama," the village gods. Upon reaching this place of worship (much smaller than the ones I had seen thus far), we, copying our companions, threw pennies into the "money-box." Whilst bowing before this shrine, I could not help but feel a little thrill run through me.

After our shopping spree and the village stores, where we bought "Riki-dango," "[illegible]," special products of this place, we went back to our inn, where, after a "trayful" meal, we delved into the real fun of "hunting baths." Yes, actually hunting them, for they were all over the inn. It was quite an adventure. There were baths of all kinds and sizes, into which we repeatedly plunged our already spotlessly clean bodies.

One incident I cannot forget is our night prowl. It was past midnight and my chum and I, with two others, were the only ones awake. Noiselessly we had crept down past the trellis bridge of our inn, from where we could hear the rushing roar of the rapids beneath ... on the small doorway which led to a dungeon-like stairway. Our whispers sounded strange and hollow. We wished we had never ventured forth in the dead of the night.

We groped our way along this dimly-lighted cave-like place and found a place but even the sight of steaming hot water failed to tempt us. For the still night, the gloomy atmosphere and our ever-increasing nervousness was too much. We scrambled as fast as our legs would carry us to our rooms far away, where we were only too glad to jump into the warmth of our thickly padded quilts laid neatly on the matted floor.

The next day, with the "farewell" and "come again" of the bowing innkeeper ringing in our ears, we rumbled away on our special bus which took us away from Chuzenji ... away from carefree hotspring hours on to the road to Numazu ... on towards home to [illegible] daily tasks.

Sanctions In The East Unwise

By Elizabeth Boody Schumpeter

(Bureau of International Research, Harvard [illegible])

(An excerpt from "The Problem of Sanctions in the Far East")

Most Americans do not believe that a war with Japan is [illegible] and they are not eager to go to war at present whether in Europe or the Far East, however much they may disapprove of [illegible] the Japanese army.

It is not wise to employ small rather ineffective measures which irritate but do no substantial injury. Such measures are likely to stiffen opposition and to unite all elements in a [illegible]. We must consider the possible consequences as they influence the political situation in Japan.

The extreme militarist element has never won over or completely subdued the government in Tokyo, and there is a substantial element in Japan which would like to make peace with China on the terms outlined by Prince Konoye in December, 1938. These terms, which have been endorsed by each succeeding government, include "no indemnities and no annexations of Chinese territory."

The Chiang Kai-shek government cannot, without complete loss of prestige and power, make peace until it has driven the Japanese from China, and even its most sincere sympathizers do not expect that to happen in the near future. If the China incident results in a stalemate rather than in a decisive victory for either side, a new Chinese government may come to some kind of agreement with Japan. If such a government is established by Wang Ching-wei, it may be a real Chinese government and not a "puppet" regime.

Wang Ching-wei has insisted upon certain conditions to which the Japanese Army leaders have apparently agreed. These conditions include the withdrawal of Japanese troops from most parts of China, the restoration of seized property, and economic co-operation on equal terms. A recent editorial in the New York Times comments somewhat cautiously that this, "if genuine, signifies a revolution in the Japanese military mind, the effects of which will extend far beyond the immediate issue."

We simply do not know how powerful the liberal element in Japan may be at this time. We cannot assume as so many people do that an embargo or some other form of economic pressure will so discourage the Japanese army that it will pack up and leave China, or that it will cause the Japanese nation quite suddenly to stop supporting its army. Human nature does not react in that way unless on the point of exhaustion. Such action is far more likely to unite the whole nation and make even the moderates feel that there is nothing left to do but to support the army to the bitter end, and, if necessary, enter into an unholy alliance with Russia. Such an alliance predicated on a division of spheres of interest in the Far East, could not be permanent, but it might for a time seem preferable to a humiliating capitulation to the West.

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If sanctions are to become an effective method for insuring collective security, they must be imposed promptly by an international organization which is prepared to implement economic sanctions with force.

The international organization must be something more than a means of maintaining the status quo by using collective force against individual force. It must recognize that social and economic security are as important as territorial integrity. If its members are pledged to prevent territorial expansion, they must insure the possibility of industrial and commercial expansion. Only in this way can real collective security be established.

Here ... where I sit in the twilight gloom
the air is steeped with music ...
drugged with flowery fume ...
Ah ... lovely, lovely sound,
'tis filled with such deep sensuous pain,
even, the melancholy violets weep.

In this waning hour of sweetest silence
when drowsy camelia blooms
are folding their petals to sleep ...
I bring my heart to rest in God's own solitude.

How strange that after all these years ...
I still am lured to seek this quiet, lonely spot
—away from all mankind:
and knowing now ... the infinite pulse of sweet, sad life,
I can feel life's fullest, dearest breath
here in the hush of twilight gloom ...
where I have plucked a violet for my soul.

—Miyo Ishizata.

...ggie Expert Gives Advice to Farmers

...lore Cattle Raising, Less Berry Farms

[illegible] farmers should try and raise cattle if there [illegible] berry growers in B. C.," said Mr. Hisanori [illegible] agricultural missionary from Nebraska, as he offered [illegible] suggestions to overcome agricultural problems [illegible] Fraser Valley Japanese farmers to a group of [illegible] representatives and members of the Canadian Jap[illegible] Association at the Fuji last Friday evening.

[illegible] suggestions were in main: ...since land is cheap, raise [illegible] for dairying. ...expand acreage and grow [illegible] other grains. ...improve credit unions and [illegible] from both the con[illegible] and producer's angles ...prevent the middle man from [taking] large profits at the ex[pen]se of the farmers.

VALLEY SOIL FERTILE

...Mr. Kano pointed out that al[thou]gh the soil in the Valley con[tain]s more acid than Nebraskan [soil], thus requiring the use of [lime], alkaline, it is much more [ferti]le.

In the course of his talk he [rel]ated many interesting facts [ab]out Nebraska where he him[self] has a farm of some 300 [acr]es. There are 100 Japanese [far]ms averaging 160 acres in size. The Nisei of Nebraska are fairer in complexion and have better physiques because of the food and climate.

As regards the problem facing [the] Japanese in B. C. especially [the] anti-Japanese nature he stress[ed] the need for co-operation among the Japanese as these problems are the concern of every Japanese Canadian.

NISEI GO-BETWEENS

One of the most efficient ways [of] tackling this question is to enlighten the Canadian public. He [em]phasized the part the Nisei [wi]th their command of English [can] play in this work.

The schedule of Mr. Kano's lec[tur]es paints a graphic picture of the popularity of his talks:

Saturday, April 18, Steveston;
Sunday morning, 3rd Avenue Seikokai; afternoon, Maple Ridge JCCL; evening, Hammond-Pitt Meadows.
Monday, Whonock;
Tuesday, Mission;
Wednesday, Mount Lehman;
Thursday, Surrey.

WELFARE SECRETARY

Photo by Jo Seko
KUNIO SHIMIZU

Nisei Sketch

Experience Teaches and Broadens The Nisei Personality

Very few of the Nisei grasp the dramatic story that is unfolding around about us, as we strive in the midst of the welter of confusion and conflict that represents the assimilation of an immigrant group. So few of us can see the colour and the romance of the Nisei as they grow through life, meeting tears and heartbreak, laughter and joy in our struggle to fit ourselves into the jigsaw puzzle of Canadian society.

In fact it is only unbalanced newspapermen and literary-inclined folk who ever think of these things. But here is a suggestion of what we mean by color in the second generation, an instance of the abundant material at hand waiting to be woven some day into that great "Nisei Novel". Only a brief sketch, it could be duplicated in scores of other cases; if you stop to think about your own experiences, now or possibly ten years from now, you too may see why we insist that the Nisei are a colorful generation.

To School in Japan

The hero of our story this week first saw the light of day in a modest Victoria home between two and three decades ago. The mellow old English atmosphere of the Capital City probably made its influence felt upon the first formative years of Kunio Shimizu's character, but while a mere child, barely of school age, he was bundled off to Japan. There, in his ancestral home with his grandparents, he went to school, absorbing Japanese manners, customs and beliefs, until the influence of Victoria's atmosphere had all but disappeared.

But after twelve years, he returned to Victoria, to find himself a stranger, a lonely lad, among a host of barbarian Occidentals and Nisei, brought face to face with the difficult problem of remaking himself to fit into the Canadian scene.

Then followed a ten-year struggle, identical with the experience of a first generation immigrant, but remarkable in the successful adjustment which it fulfilled—remarkable for the moulding of the personality that today fills an outstanding, if unsung, position among the Nisei of Canada.

School, of course, took up the major portion of those years. First high school, then two years at Victoria College where grim determined struggle (his friends maintain it's just a streak of cussed stubborniness) brought its reward in the form of bursaries, and finally two years at the local University, from which institution he graduated in 1938, taking honours in mathematics.

The School of Hard Knocks

But his education was not confined merely to book-learning or the theory of higher mathematics. He learned much more through the school of hard knocks and practical experience.

As a houseworking schoolboy in Victoria, he learned how to manage a house and how to cook, and now he wants to apply his knowledge by starting a co-operative boarding house in the city for unattached bachelors. He applied this experience most usefully on two trips to the South Seas, when he was employed as a flunky aboard a cable ship laying trans-Pacific cable. Many are the stories of stormy seas and wreching sea-sickness he can spin.

An appreciation for hard labour and a feeling for the brotherhood of man came to him through rubbing shoulders with his fellows in the smelly, greasy, gory butchery of a whaling station, and the back-breaking labour of sawmills and pulpwood mills.

And an appreciation of Nisei problems and the need to face them came to him through experience as a teacher of the Japanese language in Victoria, where he strove to assist the Nisei to understand the language of their parents.

A Nisei of Today

Today he holds a responsible position as a member of the secretarial staff of the Canadian Japanese Association, where his academic training, plus his wealth of experience, plus a cool, logical mind stand him in good stead in meeting community problems.

The public relations expert for the Association, his work often carries him into odd situations and into contact with odd human material. He shepherds Japanese relief cases, adjusting their difficulties; investigates disputes and grievances of Japanese seamen in port of Vancouver, who find it difficult to settle their problems with Greek captains; handles innumerable complaints against Canadian institutions; investigates any attacks which may bring harm to the Japanese community as a whole; looks for lost, strayed or stolen people; and handles a huge volume of clerical work flowing over his desk daily with smooth aplomb and efficiency.

Courtier, Soldier, Scholar, Eye, Tongue, Sword

For after hours, he has just as many diversions. A firm believer in physical fitness, he holds the title of a "judo shodan"; used to swing a wicked bat on the baseball diamond; is a ranking "Class B" badminton player; likes to swim in warm water; and is striving determinedly

See "SHIMIZU," page 4

Nisei Attitude Towards Japan Overly-Biased

Widely different opinions concerning the "Nisei attitude towards world conflicts," as expressed by the delegates to the recent fourth annual Eastern Student Conference of the Japanese Students' Christian Association held at Columbia University were revealed in the reports printed in the March issue of the Japanese Student Bulletin.

One of the outstanding claims was that the Nisei student, because of his Japanese background may be overly-biased in favour of, or unreasonably against Japan. His proximity to the situation puts his perspective out of focus.

There were some who advocated the active participation by Nisels in the fostering of better Japan - American relationship, while others took the isolationist stand of avoiding any entanglement with the affairs of the Far East or Europe, while others took the middle course of being objective and impartial students of world situations.

It was felt that the individual relationship with professors and other students remained wholly amicable and that there was no evidence of prejudice or discrimination despite conflicts abroad.

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Gleanings From Nisei Fields

Acme Angles

Spring Cleaning

The delirium is over! Local residents are one up on the campaigners for Paint and Clean-Up, for they have already snapped up from a hectic week of cleaning, painting and repairing the "Good Ole Public School."

"This is the way to wash the walls," enthusiastically (?) shouted a dozen brawny salts of the earth, as they dawdled grotesquely, taking in by experience what agonies poor housewives undergo. And from their conversations one gathered that they can honestly vouch for the (dis)honesty of some of those flagrant "shampoos."

The whole institution looks spic and span these days — the fruit of a co-operative effort of a group that came forth unselfishly to lend a helping hand.

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"Commencement Exercises"

At the "Commencement exercises" held on March 22, at Y.P. Hall, six girls successfully completed their studies at the Japanese Language School. Keiko Nagata, who received honors for leading the class, was the valedictorian.

Boxla Bulletin

Retouchings have been started on the lacrosse box. Having had the dirt floor completely plowed, harrowed and disced some time ago, the boys are now impetuously ironing the bumps to the chorus of a whiny roller and timely snorts and grunts.

In training camp are the Maginot Lines of the team, "Hunter," "Yuki" and "Beef," exercising their somewhat flabby muscles by hooking for those scavengers of the sea, dog-fish, in some remote waters of our western coast.

This league to being forsaken is disheartening. What'll we do with the JCCL silverware?

"How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use!"

Paldi Parade

The Mayo Baseball Club held a meeting in the Japanese Bunkhouse on the evening of April 5, to elect the executive of the club.

The officers are as follows: Sam Yoshino, manager; Cossy Asada, secretary-treasurer; and Yoshio Toyota, captain.

The team, as yet, has no coach, but hopes to obtain the services of Richard Burnett of Paldi. The first game of the season will probably be played against the Hillcrest Japanese team.

Surrey Engagement

Of considerable interest is the recent announcement of the engagement of Mitsuye, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Tashima of Surrey, to Mr. Hideo Tainaka, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Tainaka of Queensborough.

Nakados were Mr. and Mrs. G. Ikeda and Mr. and Mrs. S. Tsuchida.

Miss Tashima is taking quite an active part in the Surrey's Girls' Club, serving as corresponding secretary and has made contributions from time to time to the columns of this paper.

Bloedel Banner

By Staff Correspondent

Izaac Waltons

Ye olde reporter recently d... ed this reluctant brothers on a ten-mile hike to the Twin Lakes here.

"Gee," pipes one, "you're ...ing a heavy responsibility on your shoulders. What if we don't catch a single trout?"

"Have patience, we'll fish in Mohun Lake on the return way if the Twin Lakes aren't satisfactory."

"Oh yeah!"

Despite the near mutiny, the Twin Lakes yielded up a sum of 65 trouts, and the ... green of the vast open spaces and the pure country air more than compensated for the mere twenty-mile jaunt.

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Get-together

The local youths, including the Messrs. Adachi, Weber, Maars and Oswald of Campbell River, held a bang-up picnic at Nymph Cove, adjacent to Seymour Narrows.

Boating, mountain climbing and cod fishing comprised the picnic program, as well as the preparation of many delicacies over the campfire by all the chefs.

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Angling de Luxe

Mr. George Harris and Harry Adachi hopped a railway speeder to the Slough two weeks ago hiking from there to Mohun Lake. There, a rowboat powered with an outboard motor provided travelling facilities on the six mile waterway.

Farewell

The two ex-Englewooders, H. and H., left here April 9, as the mill up the North Woods had resumed operations.

"SHIMIZU"

(Continued from Page 2)

to break a hundred on the golf course.

He believes even more firmly in mental exercise and relaxation. Holding a B.A. degree in mathematics, he is a member of the Vancouver Astronomical Society, is an executive member of the Kitsilano Radio Club, and plays contract bridge according to a mathematical system which sometimes works. He visits the opera, likes classical music and is an active supporter of the Symphony Orchestra. At other moments he relaxes at the movies, likes parties, and reads scientific tomes. He neither smokes nor drinks, attends church rarely, dislikes the Japanese "ofuro," which he considers unsanitary, and hates publicity, this article being published despite his violent objections.

His first love, however, is the work of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League, of which he is the executive secretary of the National Council and the treasurer of the Vancouver Chapter, and he represents the League on the executive of the Japanese branch of the Vancouver Welfare Federation as secretary.

The League, he contends, is of the Nisei, by the Nisei and for the Nisei, and ought to represent the united effort of the second generation to attain economic and political equality and independence as Canadian citizens. In their capacity to achieve that goal he has the deepest fa...

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TOWN TOPICS

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[illegible] comedy is directed [illegible] Alphonsus. The rest [illegible] will feature recitations [illegible] and music by [illegible] boys and girls and kindergarten [illegible]. Tickets are 25c.

All [illegible] out [illegible] the Grand [illegible] of the Koryo [illegible] this coming Saturday, April 20, at the Fuji Chop Suey. The [illegible] will begin at [illegible] p.m.

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Women [illegible] Work

The clicking of knitting needles and [illegible] whir of sewing machines were accompanied by happy chatter as some 15 girls gathered at the home of Miss Myea Okamura last Wednesday, April 10, for the initial meeting of the Central Group of the Japanese Red Cross Unit. The regular meetings of this group will be held every second Tuesday, the next one scheduled for April 23 at the Nippon Club at 8:00 p.m.

Will [illegible] be seeing [illegible] at the Ritz, the scene of the Powell YPS Roller Party? Don't forget: it's on Thursday, the 25th, from [illegible] to 11:00, at 35c.

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AYPA Election

The annual general meeting of the Seikokai AYPA will be held at the Church of Ascension this Thursday, April 18, at 8 o'clock. Following the election of officers and the reports of the executive, plans will be drawn up for the annual closing banquet to be held this year on Thursday, May 9.

When the Hikawa Maru glided into the harbour early Saturday morning it carried a number of popular American Niseis who made a short stop-over in the city on their return home from the Orient. Among the passengers were Miss Kiyoko Tsuboi of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Morishita of Seattle, aunt of Miss Marjie Teda, formerly of North Vancouver. Messrs. Jimmie and Ronald Shiozaki were also on board. Mr. Ronald Shiozaki who sailed to Japan last fall with a group of Washington graduates is well known in the city.

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Dan Washimoto, formerly sports editor of The New Canadian, has joined the staff of Yamato Silks on Granville, cancelling plans to sail for Japan.

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Kitsilano Koyukai Meets

The Kitsilano Junior Koyukai will hold their annual general meeting at the Kitsilano School on Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m. The new members will be welcomed, the election for officers will be held, and a programme of activities for the coming year will be mapped. It is very necessary therefore, that all members should attend. A small fee of fifteen cents will be asked.

Military Band to Make Public Appearance

First public appearance of the Nisei Military Band, organized last winter, is scheduled for the middle of May, it was announced by Director Dick Nishino. The Band has been practising for four months, and hopes to offer a pleasing program in its initial appearance. A full program, with outstanding guest stars is planned. Proceeds will go toward defraying the cost of the Band.

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CALENDAR

APRIL

[illegible]—John Charles Thomas Concert, Auditorium (Hiker Attractions).
17—Japanese Catholic Concert, Catholic Hall, 8 p.m.
18—AYPA Annual General Meeting, 3rd Avenue Church, 8 p.m.
19—Public Speaking Class, Carlton Clay Studio, 8:15 p.m.
20—Koryo Seinensai Spring Social, Fuji, 8:30 p.m.
25—Powell Y.P.S. Roller Party, Ritz, 1st and Fraser, 7:30 to 11:00 p.m., 35c.
26—New Westminster Taiiku Concert.
26—Fuji Ski Club General and Social Meeting, Henri's, [illegible] p.m. Sharp.
27—Ping-Pong Display, Farone, 8:00 p.m., 25c.
27—Powell United Concert, Japanese Hall, 35c, 8.00 p.m.

Fairview Concert

The Fairview Mothers' Meeting and Saturday School will hold their annual spring concert on Saturday, April 20, in the Fairview United Church Kindergarten. Instrumental and vocal solos, choral selections, and dances will be rendered by Fairview members and assisting artists. The evening's entertainment will open at 7:30 p.m.

• DAN CUPID STILL BUSY

Former Local Girl Weds in Japan

A wedding of particular interest in Vancouver and New Westminster took place in Japan on April 3 when Miss Cana Okamura, eldest daughter of Mrs. Okamura and the late Mr. Okamura, became the bride of Mr. Toshimi Maeda, a graduate of the Imperial University in Tokyo and now on the teaching staff of the Showa Igaku Senmon Gakko of Tokyo. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Mizuno, formerly of Steveston. The reception was held at the Kanda Steinen-kaikan in Tokyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Maeda spent their honeymoon in Oshima.

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Mrs. Arikado Honoured at Post-Nuptial Shower

Honouring Mrs. H. Arikado whose wedding took place on March 30, Miss Myea Okamura was hostess at a post-nuptial miscellaneous shower last Friday, April 12. Mrs. Arikado is the former Miss Connie Sasaki of Queensborough.

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Hakkaku-Sakamoto

Miss Chiyoko Hakkaku and Mr. Toshio Sakamoto of Prince Rupert have chosen Wednesday, April 24, for their wedding day. The marriage service, to take place at the Powell United Church at 5 o'clock, will be read by Rev. K. Shimizu. Miss Hakkaku is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Hakkaku of this city.

The wedding reception will be held at the Fuji immediately following the ceremony. The bridal couple will sail on the 26th for Prince Rupert where they will take up residence.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Mukai announce the engagement of their fourth daughter, Mary, to Mr. Mitsuru Yodogawa, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Murakami on Wednesday, April 10. Nakodos are Mr. and Mrs. A. Murakami and Mr. and Mrs. Kazohama.

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WEEK OF APRIL 16-23

16—9.20. "Evening in Hawaii."
17—9.20. Choral Selections. 9.40—Lessons in Japanese.
18—9.40. "Taking Part in Japanese Education", a talk in English by Clarence Gillette, Teacher of the Doshisha Higher Commercial School.
19—9.20. Light Music by Sakurai and his Orchestra. 9.40—Newspaper for Children.
20—9.20. Recitation of Yone Noguchi's Works. 9.40—Children's Hour.
21—9.20. Cello Solo by Shinji Ichiyanagi. 9.40—"Latest News of Foreign Students in Japan." A talk in English by Professor Koichiro Ono, Tokyo Imperial University.
22—9.20. Japanese Music, Koto and Shakuhachi by Kinichi Nakanoshima. 9.40—Violin Solo.
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● FEATURES

Candlelight and Wine

by Diana

Oh—only that lawn looks so tempting. What joy to stretch out on its velvety softness and just forget about that pile of work waiting for my attention. But even the sight of cool green grass in the clear spring sunshine means work. That's the nice part about winter—it keeps the lawn in order. But let winter but turn its back and what happens? The grass grows wild, continually crying for a haircut and a shampoo.

So out comes the faithful old lawn mower and to work—to work. If work I must, I might as well turn it into some personal use. And there's nothing like lawn-mowing to gain some much-needed exercise. I brought out the pamphlet "How to Take the Moan out of Mowing and the Inches off your Bulges." And set to work. Grass-cutting, it says, combines a bit of every sport—cycling, bowling, tennis, golf, baseball—providing it's done in the proper fashion. I wouldn't know—sport has never been my strong point. But it certainly does limber one up and exhausts one too. So, heave ho and away we go.

First of all, it says to grasp the handles easily and just walk, or a good run around the lawn is a perfect limber-upper. As the mower gets heavier the hip muscles will have to be used more and more. That will take inches off the hips. With each step forward bring the knees into smooth rhythmic action. To stimulate the muscles in the neck and arms, arms should move with a free flowing action while pushing and pulling the mower back and forth. Swing yourself around as much as possible to gain that smooth slender figure. Whew! hard work, but all for a good cause.

There I was rooted in one spot hoping to reduce my waistline another inch or two by swaying back and forth, pushing and pulling that heavy tool as best I could.

"Hey, are you in training for the Russian Ballet?" came a provocatively sweet voice over the side fence. It was Ambrosia as usual. Ambrose and Ambrosia are the newly-wed couple who live in the little white cottage next door. They're a remarkable couple. They're still living a honeymoon existence. They absolutely refuse to grow old just because the marriage knot has been tied. Always finding something to laugh or cry about.

Ambrose has quite a time trying to orient his stomach to his wife's culinary attempts, which, to put it mildly, are unsavory at times. He weathers them bravely though with only an occasional groan now and then. But Ambrosia is a persevering young lady. Flops never stump her. It's a matter of try, try, try again! She gets her rewards too. Her meat loaf for instance. The first time she attempted it, it turned out a cross between a corn-beef hash and a vegetable salad, but now it's Ambrose's favourite dish.

She whispered that she had her special loaf in the oven now as a surprise for Ambrose because he was working so hard painting the bedroom floor. The annual clean-up bug, that faithful herald of the summer tourist trade, had bitten him, so he was giving everything a facial.

Ambrosia has promised me time and again that she would share the secrets of her loaf, so this was the perfect time. I reminded her of her promise.

It's very simple, she said, once you get the knack of it. Just dump everything together and give it a thorough mixing. Four cups of corn flakes, two pounds minced veal, one-quarter pound minced salt pork, one egg, two teaspoon salt, one-half a medium onion very finely chopped, one-half teaspoon sage, one teaspoon chopped celery leaves, one diced celery, one teaspoon chopped celery, one-half teaspoon pepper.

Oh, don't forget to crumble the corn flakes after measuring them. Then shape the mixture into a loaf and cover it with bread crumbs. Bake it in a hot oven—500 degrees—for 15 minutes, then reduce the heat to 350 for half an hour longer. Baste it frequently with a mixture of three-fourths cup hot water and four tablespoons butter to keep the top from drying too much.

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Then it happened! Ambrose's face suddenly appeared in an upstairs window. "Say, can't you women smell anything?" One sniff was enough. It was the pungent smell that every housewife dreads. "My meat loaf!" screamed Ambrosia and disappeared into a smoky kitchen. A muttered exclamation that sounded something like "These senseless women, will they ever be cured of gossiping!" came from the upper window and I returned to my long-neglected mower.

Up and down, back and forth, round and round. I trudged ... [illegible] ... Then I was abruptly awakened out of my reverie.

"Hey, Ambrosia, Ambrosia, help. Get me a ladder or something. I've painted myself into a corner and can't get out."

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One

Definitely the hit of the month is this lovely song taken from Walt Disney's equally delightful fantasy, "Pinocchio." They say it makes no difference where you are "When you wish upon a star."

Two

A tricky ditty that has leaped into the limelight is the "Woodpecker's Song" which zoomed up into third place in its first appearance on the parade last week.

Three

For once "high-brow" and "low-brow" (you and me) music lovers are meeting on a common basis. And the reason for this phenomenon is the great Tschaikowsky.

All through the past season symphony-goers have been wafted off to the land of ecstasy on the wings of Tschaikowsky's music, while jumping jitterbugs and "icky" alligators" have gone dreamy to the tunes of "Our Love," "Moon Love" and now "On the Isle of May."

Without further ado, here's the list of the latest favourites:

1. When You Wish upon a Star.
2. Woodpecker's Song.
3. On the Isle of May.
4. In an Old Dutch Garden.
5. With the Wind and the Rain in Your Hair.
6. Starlit Hour.
7. The Singing Hills.
8. Let There Be Love.
9. Alice Blue Gown.
10. It's a Blue World.

CHERRY BLOSSOM TIME

Rich and storied are the Indian legends which are woven around the past history of Stanley Park.

Into this background came the cherry trees from Japan at the turn of the century, donated by Mr. Shinkichi Tamura, founder of the Canada-Japan Trust Savings Company.

April is the month when they blow their brightest blossoms and fill the air with their fragrance, and those who have come to love the beautiful spectacle, throng the park at this time of the year.

During this same season in Japan, perhaps the liveliest and gayest in the calendar of events, when the whole country is decorated with flowers, the usually staid and sober Japanese abandon their reserve and get intoxicated with the splendours of nature and the pleasures of life.

People organize the "hanami" or expedition to some noted place to see the cherry-trees in bloom.

It appears that this custom first came in vogue little more than 1000 years ago. Then it was merely one of the pleasures of the highest class and was the occasion for the composition of many of those charming and "spiritual" short poems which form a part of the Kokinshu collection of poems and in the famous Genji-Monogatari (Tales of Genji).

Cherry Blossom Time In Japan

But now everybody, high or low, rich or poor, adult or child, goes to see the cherry-trees in bloom, and under the trees the crowds eat, drink and are merry.

In addition, celebrations to mark the occasion, such as the Banquet of the Cherry Blossoms and the Cherry Dance, are observed throughout the entire country.

It is little wonder, therefore, that a traveller is advised to visit Japan during the cherry season for then the best in the country is to be seen.

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Around The Bridge Table

PART VI

THE "TAKEOUT" RESPONSE

Last week we discussed the "raise." Oftener, however, a player will have a hand which does not have the required trump support to raise his partner and yet is strong enough to be bid. In this case he makes a "takeout" bid in his own biddable suit.

The requirements for a response at the level of one-odd to partner's opening one-bid are:

(a) ONE to 3½ honor-tricks.

(b) A biddable suit.

For example, if partner has bid one clubs bid:

One heart with

S—x
H—Q J x x x
D—K x x
C—x x x x

One spade with

S—Q x x x x
H—K J 10 x
D—A K x
C—x

The requirements for a takeout in a lower-ranking suit at the level of two are:

(a) TWO to 3½ honor-tricks.

(b) A FIVE-card biddable suit.

NOTE—With a six-card minor suit (clubs or diamonds), or with a five-card major suit (spades or hearts) the honor-trick requirement may be reduced to 1½.

If partner has opened with one spade bid:

Two clubs with

S—Q x
H—K J 10
D—K x x
C—Q x x x x

Two diamonds with

S—A K
H—Q J x x
D—K J x x x
C—x x

Two diamonds with

S—x
H—A x x x
D—K x x x x x
C—J 10

Two hearts with

S—x x
H—K Q x x x
D—Q J x x
C—x x

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Nisei Face Adjustment in Japan

[illegible] repeats itself; it has the habit of playing funny tricks. [illegible] been few more ironical tricks than the reversal of the [illegible] migration from Japan back to Japan, with the creation [illegible] course of a single generation, of the same cycle of problems [illegible] when our parents, responding to the golden lure of the [illegible] of Canada and America, first came to these countries to [illegible] future for themselves and their children.

Many are the times when we laugh at our parents in their constant efforts to adapt themselves to the customs and habits of western civilization; and many have been the stories, filled with earthy humour, of some of their experiences. The stories of heart-break and sorrow have remained for the most part untold, hidden deep within the heart.

But now the Nisei, the second generation, face this same problem of adjustment in seeking happiness in Japan. There, because in outward appearance, they are indistinguishable from the native-born, they are expected to know and to conform to all the customs and social habits of Japan.

Change in Mode of Living

Especially is this true of Nisei women, says the report of the Nisei survey committee of the Keisen Girls' School. The greatest difficulty they meet in this problem of adjustment is the change in the mode of living, due particularly to the fact that "women are expected to live up to the strict standards of social etiquette."

For example, says their report, it is a strain for ordinary men or women to sit on the "tatami" floor for any length of time, without becoming numb in the lower limbs. And though leniency may be shown because one is a Nisei, still it is a breach of social etiquette to sit with the legs stretched straight out in front of one. A similar serious difficulty [illegible] which nearly every Nisei even in Canada or America is familiar, is the use of honorifics in the language.

Men place language as their major adjustment difficulty, and state that their most difficult course of study is the Japanese language.

The problem of the change in food is not as great as might be thought, for young people of normal health have a capacity for adjustment in matters relating to the stomach. For some, however, the sudden change in diet of western food to rice, pickles, and fish, the more typical Japanese diet, lowered their resistance and resulted in cases of beri-beri, jaundice and other ailments caused by an unbalanced diet.

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How Are Your Leisure Hours Spent?

	Men	Women
Athletics	156	122
Reading	49	149
Movies	116	109
Sight-seeing travel	30	21
Music and Concerts	25	35
Visiting friends	31	31
Domestic pursuits		53
Hobbies	12	7
Dancing	7	7
Bars and cafes	11	

Recreational Activities

Leisure hours may be few for the Nisei in Japan, occupied as they are with study and work. But though leisure hours may be few, recreational outlets, too, are limited; and thus the constructive use of these hours presents another problem for any second generation to consider. A table of leisure hours gives us a good idea of how the Nisei relax when they can.

The women, according to the survey, spend most of their spare time in reading—reading mostly English books, magazines, newspapers and so forth. They complain, however, of the lack of adequate material in English; and their limited knowledge of Japanese prevents them from reading extensively in that language. In contrast, athletics were most popular among the men.

For many of the Nisei interviewed, the movies were the only means of relaxation; and this item ranks third in the list of activities for men and women. Travel and sight-seeing, and music and concerts follow next in order, although of considerably less importance.

The survey committee makes this trenchant observation of the question of leisure time, commenting: "The general tendency among the Nisei is to continue the recreational activities in which they were engaged at home. Results of the survey reveal that due to insufficient facilities they are tempted to resort to unwholesome activities. Because of the lack of proper guidance, they frequent tea-rooms, dance-halls and movie houses."

This lack of properly directed social life is, however, being met by the increasing importance of various Nisei clubs and organizations, of which there are some fourteen in Tokyo and Yokohama. They give promise of being able to fill in no small degree a decidedly unwholesome gap in Nisei life in Japan.

(To be continued in the next issue)

Public Speaking Class Progressing

Several Nisei gathered at the Carleton Clay studio last Friday evening for their first lesson in public speaking in the special class that has been formed for second generation.

The instructor, Mr. Clay, leading city elocutionist, outlined the programme of the coming sessions, pointing out the importance of public speaking in the lives of all.

The remainder of the evening found the inexperienced but orators-to-be getting up to make a stab at speech-making.

Classes will be continued this Friday at 8:15 again. Those who were unable to attend last week and would like to join are urged to turn out as mimeographed instructions will be issued. If Friday is inconvenient for members some other suitable date will be arranged. The price, everyone is reminded, is very reasonable, and well worth the investment.

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By H. H.

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Every Fall about the beginning of October, very modest announcements are made of the classes open and locations. They are held in various halls scattered throughout the city so that almost every district is served.

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Mikados Lead in Inter-City Race

Rally Trims Kitsies 5-4 For Second Win

The Mikados did it again! Trailing 4-0 in the fourth frame, the Fairview lads came back gamely to ring up a 5-4 victory over Kitsilano Kyuhins and copped the first place position in the Inter-city League in last Sunday's 7-inning affray at the Model School ground.

Kitsilano set a hot pace in the first inning by banging out a home run, a triple and a single to drive in two runs. A home run by D. Matsumoto, followed by S. Nagai's screaming line drive, and another hard blow by S. Matsumoto scored two runs for the Kitsies in the third.

With a four-run handicap, the Mikados took advantage of their first man's base on ball to concentrate on some heavy hitting. Hideo Takahashi chose the right ball and sent it soaring out to centre field for a complete circuit, scoring his brother Akira before him. A sharp bingle by George Yoshinaka put himself in a position for scoring, as "Tippy" Fukumoto slammed out a long fly for three bases to draw up another run on the leaders.

When George Yoshinaka switched for the flying Y. Murata in the sixth frame, the ball game was pretty well under control. With the Kitsilano nine unable to solve the puzzling slants, the Mikado outfit connected with some of Matsumoto's curves and pushed Akira Takahashi over the plate twice for two tallies to draw ahead 5-4.

Mikados: Y. Yasui 3b (0-4); A. Takahashi lf (2-4, h r); M. Goremaru c (0-3); G. Yoshinaka rf, p (1-4); J. Ito cf (0-2); T. Fukumoto 1b (1-3, h r); S. Kondo 2b (0-3); Y. Murata p, lf (1-3)—8 hits.

Kitsilano Kyuhin: D. Matsumoto ss (2-4, h r); S. Nagai 3b, c (2-4); F. Sumi 1b (0-4); S. Matsumoto c, cf (2-3, h r); K. Hotta rf (2-3); R. Matsumoto cf (0-3); R. Takakuchi 2b (0-2); K. Matsumoto p (0-2); F. Moritsugu lf (0-2); G. Kadonaga (0-1)—8 hits.

Hompa Shoots For Bussei Title With Opening Win

By K. S.

In the opening game of the Bussei Baseball League, Hompa, defending champions and winners of the league title for the last four years, served notice that they're out to garner another leg on the new Kagetsu championship trophy, when they powered out a decisive 12 to 3 victory over Fairview.

Kiyoshi Misumi, on the mound for Hompa, pitched a steady game for the champions, yielding only six scattered hits throughout the game. On the other hand the Hompa sluggers landed on the offerings of Yo Nishimura, Fairview chucker, for twelve solid bingles, including a home run by Nobby Tanaka. T. Nishikawa powered out a homer for the Fairview team.

Fairview started off the game by scoring three runs in the opening inning on two singles and a homer, but Hompa came back in their half of the stanza to tie up the game on two singles, three bases on balls, and an error by the Fairview infield. After that the game was a complete rout as Hompa, capitalizing on seven Fairview errors and landing on the slants of pitcher Nishimura, scored in every inning of the game.

Leading the hitting attack for Hompa were Nobby Tanaka, Nick Nosaye, Bae Misumi and Ronnie Inouye, all with two hits to their credit.

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Giants Humbled, Fujis Fight Furiously

Split second timing, the call for a pitch-out on a squeeze play and the headlong dive of Koei Mitsui, Powell Drugs catcher, to nail Duke Kusano at home plate in the last inning, saved the day for the drug store as they nosed out the powerful Steveston nine 7-6 in the opening game of the Japanese League at Steveston.

It was in the eighth inning with Steveston leading 6-2 that the druggists found the offerings of Duke Kusano who had replaced Tommy Sawayama, just their meat. Three straight singles in a row by Tanaka, Mitsui and Uno shoved in one run, and then the double to score another, but their fighting rally ended there as the reliable Suga banged out a hot bottom half of their batting list found Kusano's ball too fast.

When their lead-off man Doc Yasui and Tanaka got on base on an error and walk in the ninth inning, the fireworks started again. The three reliables, Mitsui, Uno and Suga, singles in a row to push across three runs to take a one-run lead for the first time in the game.

Steveston threatened to break up the ball game as Kusano banged out a heart breaking three-base hit. It was then that Koei Mitsui signalled for a pitch-out, and as expected Mori attempted a bunt, but was too far out. Mitsui snagged the ball way off balance and then made a headfirst dive for home plate just in time to cut off Kusano to stop the tying tally of the game.

UNIONS SCALP GIANTS

The Union Fish-Giant opener at Powell Grounds was a big disappointment. The '39 champs had no difficulty and started the new season off right by shutting out the Giants 7-0.

Akio Kutsukake on the mound for the fish store nine, displayed mid-season form, and struck out 10 batters and allowed only one scratch hit. He kept the usual hard-hitting Giants well under control . . . Even the tehigun re-inforcements such as Nakamura, Shiraishi, Suga and Fukui were victims of his excellent pitching.

On the other hand, the younger Union Fish boys found the flinging of Ty Suga's offerings much to their liking and contacted him for 10 hits, well bunched and in pinches.

The heavy sluggers for the winners were George Suzuki with three for four, and Baron Wakabayashi and Joe Akiyama with 2 hits in 5 tries.

Union Fish—Tanaka ss (0-5); Akiyama 1b (2-5); Wakabayashi cf (2-3); Okumura 3b (0-5); Suzuki 2b (3-4); Yanagizawa lf (1-3); Ishida c (0-4); Toyota rf (1-3); Kutsukake p (1-3)—10 hits.

Giants—Shiraishi lf (0-4); Fukui rf, 1b (0-4); Nakamura cf (0-2); Ashikawa 2b (0-1); Mike ss (1-4); Uno 1b, cf (0-4); Kutsukake c (0-3); Kaneuishi 3b (0-3); Suga p (0-2)—1 hit.

Powell Drug—D. Yasui cf (0-4); Tanaka 3b (1-4); Mitsui c (3-5); Suga lf (3-5); Yoshioka 1b, p (0-4); Y. Yasui 2b (0-4); Kozai rf (0-5); Hayashi p (0-4); Goromaru cf (0-2)—10 hits.

Steveston—Shishido ss (0-5); Sogiwa c (2-3); Nakatsu cf (1-4); Oike lf (2-4); Kusano 3b (0-3); Shoji 1b (0-3); Shimoda 2b (0-2); Hoshizaki rf (1-4); Sawayama p, rf (2-4); Mori p (1-2); Simpson 1b (0-1); Mukai 2b (0-2)—11 hits.

Sports Hi-Spots

JAPANESE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Union Fish 7, Giants 0.
Powell Drug 7, Steveston 6.

INTERCITY BASEBALL LEAGUE

Mikado 5, Kitsilano 4.

"BUSSEI BASEBALL LEAGUE

Hompa 12, Fairview 3.

JAPANESE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Fairview 9, Mikado 2.
Tammy 6, Tairiku 0.
New Pier 19, Powell Drug 10.

GAKUYUKAI SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Chichibukai 22, Kokikai 14.
Fuyokai 10, Keiyus 6.

Katsukawa Cops Spring Golf Cup

Suzuki, Ogino Tie in Handicap Section

By "Jimmie" Suzuki

Shooting mid-season form golf, "Jack" Katsukawa paired brilliant 79's to take the Matsunaga Cup and rule as champion of the Nippon Golf Club until the fall. Reg. Yasui was runner-up, 3 strokes behind the champion, with an 80, 81.

At the end of the first round it was strictly a fourway fight, with the champion leading Yasui and Suzuki by one stroke, and Tanaka trailing by 4, but still very much in the game.

Tanaka and Suzuki fell off badly, though the former made a grand comeback till he met disaster at the 10th when he sliced two out-of-bounds. From then on it was a fight between Katsukawa and Yasui.

Going out even, Reg. Yasui finally pulled even on the long 12th with a birdie 4. Katsukawa played like a champion and took advantage of miscues of his opponent on the next two holes, picking up two strokes, and from then on was never headed.

The handicap section looked like a runaway for Suzuki, when he finished the first 18 with a net 66, but he bogged down miserably in the last half of the race to eke out a tie with George Ogino with a total of 141 for 36 holes. Third place went to "Doc" Kuwabara with a net 142, and "Dutch" Shimoda and Frankie Miyasaki tied for 4th with 143.

REPLACING DIVOTS . . .

If you see Herb Tanaka with a long face ask him about the "Sam Sneadian" 9 he took on the 13th, and how and what not to do in the bunkers! To think two weeks ago he finished 3 holes on just 9 strokes! My, My! Mr. Tanaka, how could you? . . . Orchids to Katsukawa and the runner-up Yasui . . . Here's bad news though—the handicap committee has decided to give your handicaps a beating . . . That's consolation to us eh Herb? Maybe those nickels will start flowing out of their pockets back to ours with interest. . . . Our divoting dentist must learn to get to bed earlier if he intends to shoot better golf, n'est-ce pas?

SPORTS Sukiyaki

By S. O.

Saturday I waited and waited for the truck to carry me to the Nippatus soccer game, but the game was called off until next Saturday, so with the new racquet and balls, which were the result of Mat Matsui's high-pressure sales talk, I ventured over to the Nippon Tennis Club for the first time. And to tell you the truth, I was really surprised.

I had always thought that the Nippon Tennis Club was a dump with a couple of bumpy, dirt-covered squares, just roomy enough to bat the ball around, but instead I saw the smoothest court I had ever seen. To get courts like that, I can imagine countless hours of hard work, digging, raking and rolling the heavy rollers back and forth, but I guess it was worth all the hard work, for they really have something there.

And now I'm glad I fell victim to Mat's sales talk, for it gives me a chance to get some much-needed exercise playing tennis. At this time of writing, my arms and legs are stiff, and my back . . . oooh, somebody hand me the liniment.

Flyweight Flying High

Our one and only Nisei flyweight leather pusher is steadily making a name for himself in the fistic arena. With other champion pugs Kato will be travelling to Cardston in May for the Dominion Amateur Boxing Championship.

It would really be something if Kato could cop the Dominion flyweight title, something that no other Nisei has ever attempted. So, Kato, you have the whole Japanese community pulling for you. Let's see you win the title.

A missive from our glamour boy, Eddie Ide. Ide who is at present doing chores at the Premier Mines, was undoubtedly the best hoopla ref around these parts. The good old miners spotted him right away and now he's adjudicating the games at the mines. They sure know a good man when they see one. Eddie sends his regards to all his friends.

Mr. Hoshino is Not Scotch

Say, I take back every word I said about Powell Drugs being weak. When I looked at the lineup last week, Suga, Uno, Mitsui and Yasui's name weren't there, but by jiminy they look hot now. Yes sir, Mr. Hoshino has at last found something like pennant material. Talking of Mr. Hoshino, he certainly was tickled about his team's victory over the predicted champions from Steveston. In fact his generosity was overwhelming. Each player was supplied with a couple of packages of gum, filled to the Adam's apple with Coca-Cola and oranges, and topped off with a supper. He certainly deserves a big hand.

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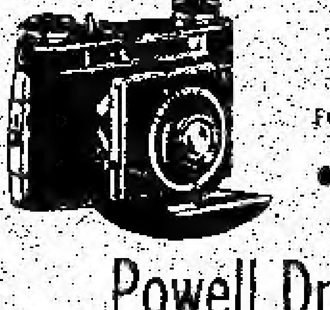

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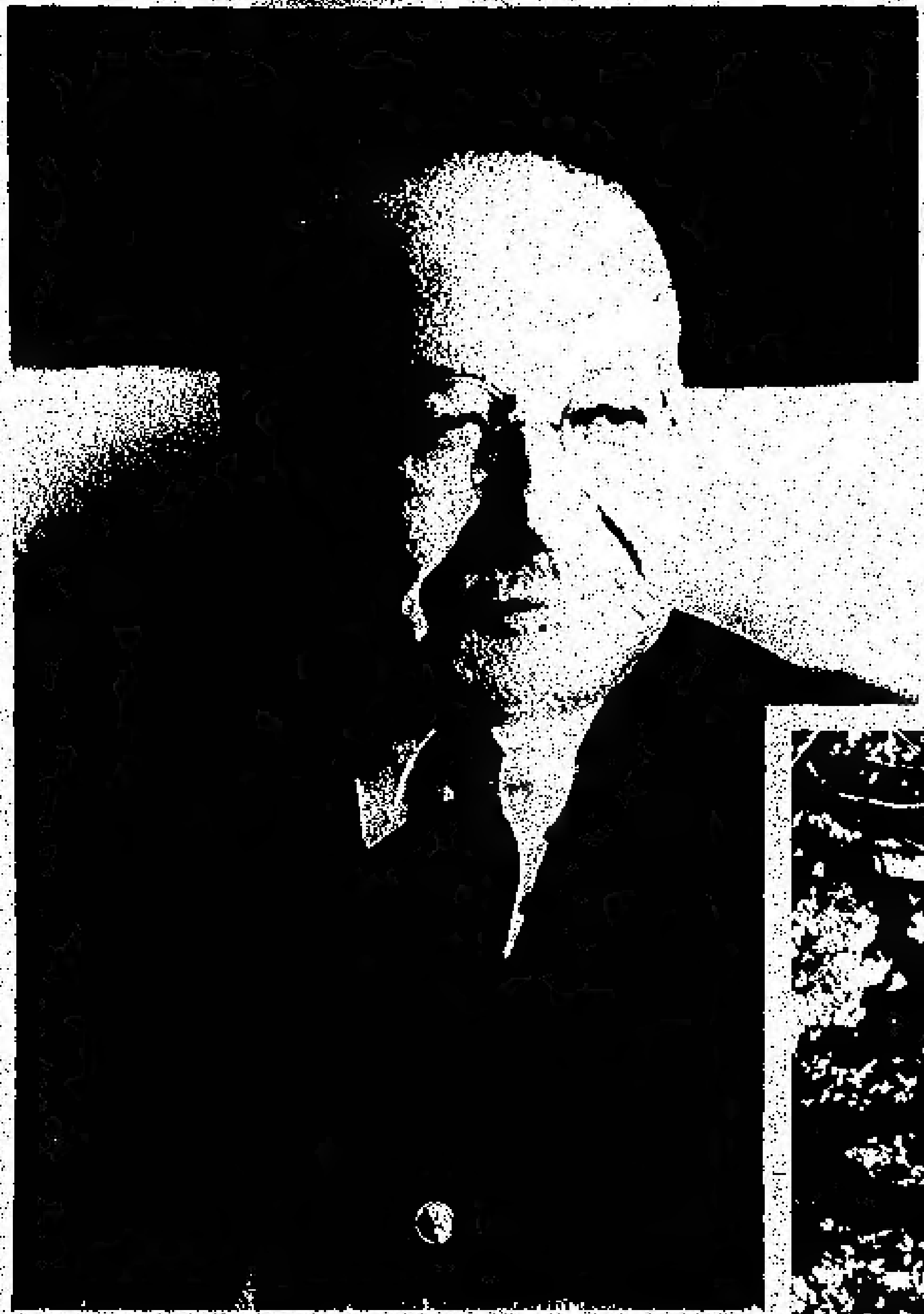
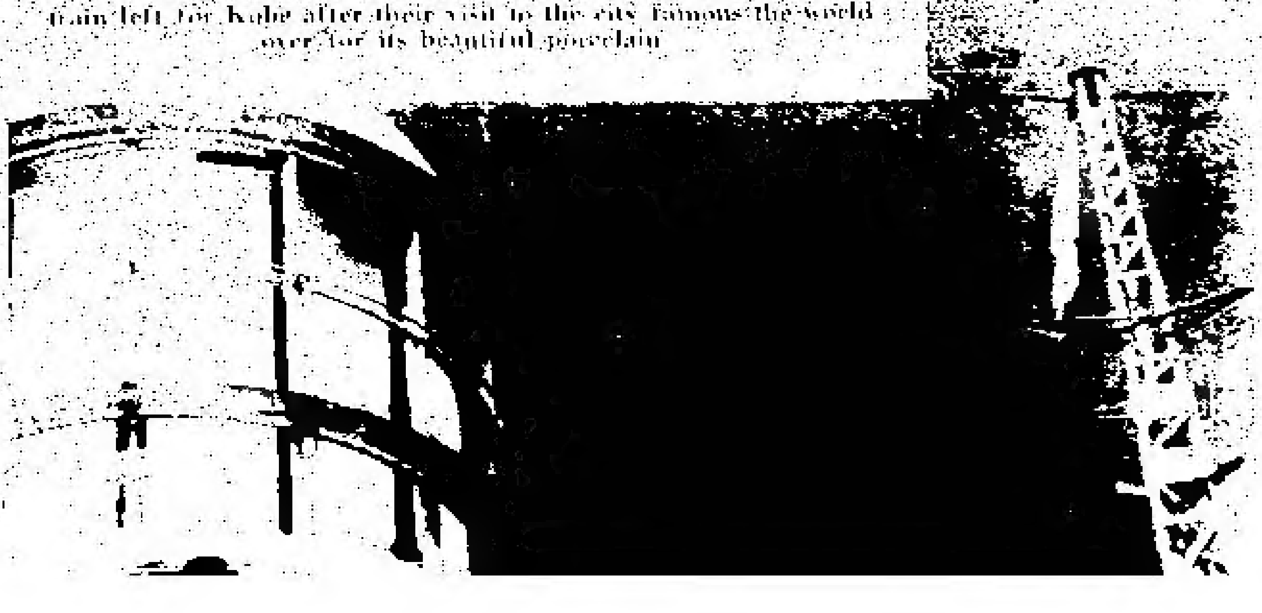


Honoring former Premier Wang Ching-wei at his inauguration as the new chief of the Central Government of China in Nanking, General Nobuyuki Abe, (above) former Premier of Japan, attended the induction ceremony as Tokyo's envoy extraordinary

Hail and farewell! Beautiful memorial services (above) in the traditional Shinto rites are held for the late Keikichi Tanomogi, mayor of Tokyo, who lighted The Flame of Friendship carried by Miss Japan to the New York World's Fair last summer. Dignitaries of Japan are shown bowed at the impressive ceremony.

The famous Japanese cherry blossoms, in all their glory, burst into beauty again in Japan. The two young Misses at the left, themselves calculated to [illegible] the blossoms, are shown admiring the beauty of the blooms.

Farewell to Nagoya is waved by the members of the Argentine Economic Mission (above) amid smiles and good cheer as their train left for Kobe after their visit to the city famous the world over for its beautiful porcelain.



MANCHUKUO HAILED ON 8th YEAR

The snow that sparkles these grammar school children (right) did not cool the warmth of their greeting to Yuan Chen-Tuo, Manchukuo's Ambassador to Japan (in doorway center) at his residence in Tokyo on the eighth anniversary of the founding of Manchukuo.

And below Iichiro Tokutomi, famous journalist, smilingly announces to the public the eighth anniversary. Mr. Tokutomi uses the pen name of Soho. A member of the House of Peers and the Imperial Academy, he is associate editor of the Osaka Mainichi and the Tokyo Nichi Nichi.

Yuan Chen-Tuo, Manchukuo's Ambassador in Tokyo (below), is shown addressing a great gathering in Hibiya Park Auditorium where the eighth anniversary of the founding of Manchukuo was fittingly celebrated.

Celebrating their wedding in true Oriental style, a bride and bridegroom in Japan are shown (right) seated before their marital feast, preceded by the exchange of little cups of rice wine which completes the nuptial ceremony.

At the recent annual Girls' Doll Festival ceremony (below left) many children are shown in traditional dress, others in Western style, with the colorful dolls on display in Hibiya Park Auditorium in Tokyo.